



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Replacement parts for fire extinguishers		
Code Section(s)	§575.2(a) and §577.1(a), Article 6, Title 19, California Code of Regulations		
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The company manufacturing General brand fire extinguishers has gone out of business. There are still a lot of these extinguishers in circulation, some being sold as recently as 2003. Some companies state they can't get the parts or powder and, therefore, the customer must buy a new extinguisher. I have heard there are generic parts and powder available that are listed for that use but not specifically for General fire extinguishers.

Must all General brand fire extinguishers be replaced or are listed generic parts and powder approved to use when servicing them?

No. Listed generic replacement parts are acceptable for use. Please refer to Title 19 Article 6 Section 575.2 (b) and 577.1 (a).